

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20648

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 20595 DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY TO ALLOW THE CITY COMMISSION TO MEET IN PERSON IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS AND CONTINUE TO MEET VIA ZOOM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS

WHEREAS, an epidemic of the Coronavirus Disease ("COVID-19") has occurred across the United States;

WHEREAS, an individual in Lewis and Clark County has tested presumptive positive for COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a global pandemic that is controllable via precautionary measures to stop the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 2020-12 on March 13, 2020, declaring a Public Health Emergency pursuant to §10-3-402, MCA;

WHEREAS, the City faces an imminent threat to life and public health resulting from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Section 2-10-3, Helena City Code, allows the Mayor to declare a state of local disaster emergency when there is an imminent threat of widespread loss of life resulting from an epidemic;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor declared a state of local disaster emergency for ten (10) days due to the imminent threat of widespread loss of life resulting from COVID-19;

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WHEREAS, the City will commit all available resources, and will take all possible action to combat and to alleviate the situation, local resources may not be adequate to cope with the situation;

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Helena that the Mayor's declaration of a state of local disaster emergency be indefinitely extended;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the City Commission passed Resolution No. 20595 declaring a state of local disaster emergency indefinitely continuing the Declaration;

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the City Commission passed Resolution No. 20599 that amended Resolution No. 20595 and rescinded the cancellation of City Commission administrative meetings;

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2020, the City Commission passed Resolution No. 20612 that further amended Resolution No. 20595 and permitted advisory boards to meet in person;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Resolution, in part, restricted regular City Commission meetings to electronic means with audio and visual communications; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to further amend Section

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5 of the Resolution No. 20595, to allow the City Commission to meet for regular meetings in person in the City Commission Chambers while also continuing to allow participation via the Zoom platform. Administrative meetings of the commission will continue to be held via the Zoom platform.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 5 of Resolution No. 20595 is amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Regular meetings of the Helena City Commission, as required by §1-4-8, Helena City Code, will be held in person in the City Commission Chambers subject to occupancy and other controls for in-person meetings. Regular meetings will also continue to utilize the Zoom platform to allow participation. Administrative meetings will be held via the Zoom platform.

Section 2. Copies of this Resolution will be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder, the Clerk of the City Commission, and the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division in Helena.

Section 3. The public shall be notified as soon as

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reasonably feasible through general dissemination to the news media, posting on the city website and social media accounts, or using other means of communication appropriate for informing the general public.

PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA, THIS 3rd DAY OF MAY, 2021.

/S/ WILMOT COLLINS

MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ DANNAI CLAYBORN

CLERK OF THE COMMISSION